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Since the beginning of this most recent case against Microsofts antitrust actions, I have watched and read with interest reports and documents which have been made available to the public. I have read the findings of fact, and the various proposed final judgements, in addition to the many other documents which have been published or released by the courts. I have considered these documents against my own personal and professional experiences with Microsoft and the rest of the technical sector. It is, after consideration of all of the above, my decided and educated opinion that of all of the PFJ's offered to the court, none of them will entirely do justice to the crimes that Microsoft has committed. Nor will any of the PFJ's remedy the situation by creating a fair and level playing field for real competition against Microsoft.

Having said that, of the options being presented to the court, the PFJ being presented by the nine dissenting states seems the best place to start. Also deserving consideration is how to protect competitors who implement software applications and operating systems which are compatible with Microsofts current and previous offerings. This point is keenly important as Microsoft has a proven track record of protecting its monopoly through aggressive actions designed specifically to root out and destroy the marketplace in which potential competitors do business. I feel this matter needs specific consideration so as to allow competition to develop and thrive without reducing potential competitors to welfare recipients dependent on entitlements granted to them by the court.

The effect of this decision and final judgement should not be to give competition a one time 'shot in the arm' but to create a lasting and level playing field which would allow competition to come about naturally and to prevent Microsoft from taking predatory and unlawful actions to protect their monopoly and destroy competition before it takes root.

Thank you for your time.

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